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POWERS' CIA CONTRACT

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(SUMMARY) FRANCIS POWERS, THE U.S. PILOT WHO FLEW A U-2 OVER THE SOVIET UNION, IS IN TROUBLE. AS YOU KNOW, HE WAS SHOOT DOWN ON SOVIET SOIL. SINCE HE WAS THERE AS A SPY, HE COULD HAVE BEEN SHOT. HOWEVER, THAT IS NOT HIS TROUBLE. THE SOVIET UNION SENT HIM HOME AND THAT IS WHERE HIS TROUBLE BEGAN.

AS SOON AS HE ARRIVED HOME U.S. AUTHORITIES TOOK HIM INTO CUSTODY. FOR SEVERAL WEEKS HE WAS PRACTICALLY UNDER ARREST AND NOW HE IS SCHEDULED TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES FOR INTERROGATION AND INVESTIGATION. WHAT IS THE MATTER? WHY IS FRANCIS POWERS BEING TREATED AS A COMMON CRIMINAL?

WELL, IT SEEMS THAT THE CHARGE AGAINST HIM IS THAT HE DID NOT FULFILL HIS CONTRACT WITH THE CIA. WHAT DID THE CONTRACT CALL FOR? THE CONTRACT WAS THAT HE SHOULD KILL HIMSELF AND HE BROKE THE CONTRACT. HE DID NOT KILL HIMSELF. HE WANTED TO LIVE.

WE DO NOT THINK THAT JUST BECAUSE FRANCIS POWERS PREFERRED TO LIVE THAT HE WAS RIGHT OR THAT HE SHOULD BE DEFENDED. THE SIGNS WE SEE DISPLAYED ALL OVER CUBA SAYING "REMEMBER PLAYA GIRON" ARE A CONSTANT REMINDER TO US, AS WELL AS A WARNING TO THE REVISIONALISTS, THAT CUBA WROTE A GLORIOUS PAGE IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND PRECISELY BECAUSE SO MANY OF ITS BRAVE SONS PREFERRED TO DIE INSTEAD OF LIVE.

IN FRANCIS POWERS' COUNTRY THERE IS NO MORE HONORED HERO THAN NATHAN HALE, A YOUNG NORTH AMERICAN SCHOOL TEACHER WHO BECAME A SOLDIER IN 1776 TO FREE HIS COUNTRY FROM BRITISH TYRANNY, WHO VOLUNTEERED TO CROSS OVER TO THE BRITISH ARMY TO SPY, AND WHO, WHEN CAUGHT AND HANGED THE NEXT DAY, PROUDLY UTTERED AS HIS DYING WORDS: " I REGRET THAT I HAVE BUT ONE LIFE TO GIVE FOR MY COUNTRY."

THOSE WHO PREFERRED TO DIE INSTEAD OF TO LIVE AT PLAYA GIRON AND DURING THE NORTH AMERICAN REVOLUTION MADE THEIR CHOICE FROM PURE, UNSELFISH, AND HUMANITARIAN MOTIVES IN RESPONSE TO PURE PATRIOTISM.

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